The Marian Elizabeth Trust
Supporting children with profound learning difficulties

Family Fund
Helping disabled children

Marian Elizabeth Trust grant programme

Between Monday 3 August 2026 and Friday 4 September 2026, registered healthcare and social work professionals can refer families raising a child with a severe learning disability and significant support needs to the Marian Elizabeth Trust grant programme, administered by Family Fund. Eligible families will receive an £800 cash grant. They can use it to buy whatever will support their child the most – from furniture or kitchen appliances to family breaks and more.

Who is eligible?

To meet the eligibility criteria, the child or young person must:

- be aged 21, or under
- the child or young person is not in the care of the local authority/foster care. This does not include children who are classified as a 'Child in Need' under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 (England and Wales)
- have a severe learning disability and additional physical support needs and require a high level of support. As a guide, they should have three of the following:
  - a lifelong and/or life-limiting physical disability
  - limited communication ability or they should be non-verbal
  - attendance at a specialist school, or clear eligibility to attend
  - a need for personal support with things like eating, washing or dressing
- live with their parents / carers in the areas of Liverpool, Wirral, Birmingham, Leicestershire, Rutland and Peterborough.

Want to learn more, or submit a referral on our short and quick form?

Scan the QR code:
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